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SUMMARY: GOK CONTINUES TO PLAY MEDIATION ROLE IN OMAN/PDRY CONCILIATION EFFORTS. KUWAITIS HAVE BEEN ACTIVE ON ARAB CONCILIATION COMMITTEE AND HAVE MADE SPECIAL EFFORT WITH PDRY PM ALI NASSER MOHAMMAD WHO VISITED KUWAIT MAY 11-14. IN ADDITION TO \$14 MILLION LOAN RECENTLY EXTENDED TO PDRY, KUWAIT FUND CONSIDERING OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND GOK CONTINUING MODEST PROGRAM TO BUILD SCHOOLS AND CLINICS IN PDRY. SO FAR GOK HAS MADE LITTLE PROGRESS WITH PDRY, BUT STILL HOPING WOO COUNTRY
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INTO RESPONSIBLE PATH BY REDUCING ITS RELIANCE ON COMMUNIST

COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

1. CHARGE RECENTLY HAD DISCUSSION WITH DIRECTOR OF FONMIN POLITICAL DEPT, ISSA AL-HAMAD, RE KUWAIT EFFORTS TOWARD OMANI-PDRY CONCILIATION. RECENT EVENTS HERE IN THIS RESPECT INCLUDED MEETING OF ARAB CONCILIATION COMMITTEE ON SOUTH ARABIA (ACC) IN KUWAIT MAY 8-10; VISIT OF PDRY PM ALI NASSER MUHAMMAD (HASANI) MAY 11-14; VISIT OF YAR PM HASAN MAKKI MAY 18-20; AND RECENT ASSEMBLY PASSAGE OF GOK 1974/75 BUDGET FOR SOUTH ARABIA AND ARABIAN GULF.

2. AL-HAMAD SAID ACC MET IN KUWAIT PRIMARILY AS CONVENIENT MEETING PLACE FROM WHICH TO PROCEED TO OMAN. HE DESCRIBED ACC MEETINGS WITH OMANIS (REFS A AND B) AS USEFUL BUT SAID PDRY STILL HOLDING OUT. HE ADDED THAT CONCILIATION WOULD CERTAINLY TAKE LONG TIME, BUT GOK THOUGHT IT USEFUL TO MAKE EFFORT IN THIS DIRECTION IN HOPE THAT PROGRESS COULD BE MADE.

3. VISIT OF PDRY PM ALI NASSER MOHAMMAD WAS APPARENTLY NOT PLANNED TO COINCIDE WITH VISIT ACC TO KUWAIT. SOUTH YEMENIS HAD INDICATED DESIRE TO VISIT ABOUT THAT TIME AND WERE WELCOMED. GOK TOOK OCCASION OF VISIT TO PRESS FOR PDRY TO RECEIVE ACC, BUT PM ALI NASSER TOOK LINE THAT THIS IMPOSSIBLE AS PDRY NOT RPT NOT INVOLVED IN ANY DISPUTE WITH OMAN, AND PFLOAG WAS CONCERNED PARTY.

INCIDENTALLY, AL-HAMAD SAID HE UNDERSTOOD PFLOAG PLANNED DROP THE "O" FROM ITS TITLE AS GESTURE TOWARD OMAN. APPARENTLY TALKS WITH PM ALI NASSER DID NOT DEVELOP VERY SATISFACTORILY. AL-HAMAD SAID PM KEPT ON MAKING UNHELPFUL REMARKS CONCERNING THE NEED FOR CHANGES IN THE REGIMES IN SAUDI ARABIA AND OMAN. ONLY POSITIVE POINTS THAT RESULTED WERE SIGNING OF KD 4.2 MILLION (\$14 MILLION) KFAED LOAN (REF C) AND SOUTH YEMENIS INDICATION THAT PDRY WAS MORE INCLINED TO OPEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH QATAR, BAHRAIN, AND UAE. AL-HAMAD INDICATED THAT PDRY-UAE RELATIONS SEEMED MOST LIKELY POSSIBILITY, ALTHOUGH HE ADMITTED THIS MOVE WOULD NOT BE WELCOMED IN OMAN. AL-HAMAD SAID GOK CONTINUED BELIEVE ARABS SHOULD HELP PDRY DILUTE RELIANCE ON COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. KUWAIT WOULD, THEREFORE, CONTINUE TO EXTEND LIMITED AID TO PDRY FOR SCHOOLS AND CLINICS (SEE BELOW) AND KUWAIT FUND WAS CONSIDERING OTHER LOANS FOR VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (SEE ALSO REF D). SUBSTANTIVELY THE KUWAIT-PDRY TALKS DID NOT GET VERY FAR, AL-HAMAD SAID, AS INDICATED BY ANODYNE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ON MAY 15.

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4. VISIT OF YAR PM TO KUWAIT FOLLOWING PDRY PM WAS SIMPLY COINCIDENTAL AL-HAMAD SAID; BOTH HAD INDICATED DESIRE VISIT KUWAIT ABOUT SAME TIME. SUBSTANCE OF VISIT REPORTED REF E, BUT AL-HAMAD MENTIONED THAT SOUTH YEMENIS STRONGLY SUGGESTED TO NORTH

YEMENIS THAT THEY SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN THE
ACC SINCE THIS MIGHT COMPLICATE EXISTING PROBLEMS BETWEEN THEM.

5. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY RECENTLY APPROVED GOK BUDGET FOR BOARD
OF SOUTH ARABIA AND ARABIAN GULF. TOTAL AMOUNT ALLOTTED
PDRY IN FY 1974/75 IS KD 550,000, (DOLS 1.9 MILLION) TOTAL
AMOUNT ALLOTTED OMAN IS KD 250,000 (\$185,000). DETAILS BY
SEPTEL.

6. COMMENT: KUWAITIS REMAIN UNDETERRED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO
BRING PDRY INTO THE "RESPECTABLE" ARAB FOLD. THEY SEEM
PREPARED TO INCREASE AID TO PDRY FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS AND
CONTINUE WORKING WITH COUNTRY TO THIS END. GOK CONSIDERABLY
LESS GENEROUSLY INCLINED TOWARD OMAN - AT LEAST PARTIALLY
AS RESULT HOSTILE ATTITUDE OF LEFTISTS IN ASSEMBLY WHO HAVE
SPOKEN OUT BEFORE ON THIS ISSUE.
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